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SUBJ :ANOTHER STATEMENT BY SIX-CODEL VISITING  
SOUTH AFRICA

REF :PRETORIA 0314

1. JANUARY 31 EDITION OF DIE BURGER HAS STORY ON SIX VISITING U.S. CONGRESSMEN. ACCORDING TO DIE BURGER, THE CONGRESSMEN 'HAVE FOUND THAT THE RACE QUESTION IN SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT (RPT NOT) AS SERIOUS AS EXTREMISTS OVERSEAS WOULD HAVE THE PUBLIC THINK.' CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON IS QUOTED AS SAYING, THERE HAS BEEN 'EXTRAORDINARY PROGRESS' IN RACE RELATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY: 'THE GROUP HAS ACTUALLY BEEN SO IMPRESSED BY SOUTH AFRICA THAT ALL OF THEM WOULD CHOOSE THIS COUNTRY INSTEAD OF THEIR HOMELANDS.' SAID MR. WILSON. SOUTH AFRICA HAS A GREAT FUTURE. HE HOPES THAT THE FRIENDSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN AMERICA AND SOUTH AFRICA CAN CONTINUE. BOTH COUNTRIES STAND STRONGLY AGAINST COMMUNISM AND STRIVE FOR THE PROGRESS OF ALL THE PEOPLE WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS.'

3. MR. WILSON DENIED, ACCORDING TO DIE BURGER, THAT HE HAS SAID HE WANTS TO BRING 'AN OFFICIAL COMMITTEE' TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SIMONSTOWN COULD BE USED AS AN AMERICAN

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NAVAL BASE. MAINTAINING THAT HE WAS MISQUOTED IN PRESS REPORTS,

WILSON STATED HE ACTUALLY SAID THAT 'HE HOPES AMERICAN  
SHIPS CAN USE SIMONSTOWN IN THE FUTURE AS A FUEL STOP.'

4. CODEL MET WITH MININFORMATION DR.CONNIE MULDER YESTERDAY.  
MULDER TOLD PRESS THAT VISIT COULD 'ONLY IMPROVE'  
EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND U.S. HE ADDED  
THAT 'THEY ARE NOW BETTER INFORMED PEOPLE WHO CAN USE THE  
FIRST-HAND INFORMATION WHICH THEY HAVE GAINED TO THE  
ADVANTAGE OF BOTH COUNTRIES. COB  
SCHEDULED DEPART  
SOUTH AFRICA TODAY AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

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